







## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** PROPERTY OWNER/TENANT

FROM: UNIFIED COMMAND: Fruitland Magnesium Fire Incident

SUBJECT: Analytical Report for Soil and Indoor/Outdoor Air Sampling Conducted by the

**United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** 

DATE: AUGUST 15, 2016

The Unified Command for the Fruitland Magnesium Fire Incident in Maywood, Los Angeles County, Calif., was formed in response to the aftermath of the fire that began on June 14, 2016 to oversee and direct response operations and assessment of hazardous materials. The Unified Command is comprised of representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH), and the Los Angeles County Fire Department Health Hazardous Materials Division (HHMD).

In July 2016, you signed an Access Agreement, allowing EPA, Superfund Technical Assessment & Response Team and Emergency and Rapid Response Services (EPA's sampling contractors) to sample the soil and indoor/outdoor air at your property for the presence of fire ash and/or harmful particulates as a result of the fire. Results from air sampling showed there was an increase in the air concentration of chromium and magnesium immediately after the fire, but the levels of both of these metals decreased during the first week after the fire.

## What Are My Results?

Please refer to the attached tables of results and the maps to find the locations where samples were collected.

## **What Happens Next?**

The fire debris from the facility has been covered with sealant and filter fabric and there will be a reduction of metals in ambient air. As the cleanup continues for the burned facility, every effort will be made to ensure that dust and ash do not re-enter your neighborhood. You may notice smells of burned material and other fire debris as cleanup work continues. For questions about the cleanup of the facility, you can speak with EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator, Carlin Hafiz, at 213.244.1814 or <a href="https://hafiz.carlin@epa.gov">hafiz.carlin@epa.gov</a>. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is also available and can be reached at 213.738.3220